

The question where to send the family this summer OTTAWA BEACH mer has been, for a vast number of the people of this city and beyond, great RATHBONE BROS. ly simplified in the arrangement just consummated, and by which the Ottawa Beach Hotel will be managed by Mr. Mort Rathbone of the Morton House, Grand Rapids, and his brother, T. H. Rathbone, late of the Oakland Hotel, St. Clair Springs.

These gentlemen are well known in connection with successful enterprises in hoteldom. They know their business, yea even from the proper care of the most insignificant kitchen requirement to beautifully polishing and dressing the ruffles of the worst disposition that ever breathed over a hotel counter. The improvements made last season will be further advanced in many ways. The beautifying of the grounds will be extended. Fine new hair mattresses have already been purchased, and special attention will be given to the supplying and serving of good meals. The date of the opening has not yet been determined upon, but particulars regarding proposed rates of board (which are to be very reasonable) may now be obtained by addressing the Rathbone Bros., care of Morton House, Grand Rapids.

GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

GRAND MA'S TEA loc, all druggists.

FIRST EXCURSION OF THE SEASON TO TOLEDO.

Sunday, May 13th, the Ann Arbor Railroad will open the season with an excursion to Toledo. Special train will leave Alma at 8:13 a. m. Fare for the round trip only \$1.50. Children under twelve years of age, half this rate.

Lake Erie Park and Casino which has afforded such enjoyment to our patrons during past two seasons, will be opened on that date on a scale of magnificence never before equalled by any place of amusement in this country. Thousands of dollars have been expended since last season on improvements and additions, notable among which are Thompson's Famous Scenic Railway, World's Fair Scenic Theatre, Marsden's Mystic Maize, and other attraction too numerous to mention. The Theatrical Entertainment arranged for the opening day will be strictly first-class. Don't miss it.

Farmers' Club.

Following is the program for the Seville and Summer Farmers' Club to be held at Mrs. R. Gee's, Thursday, May 6, 1897.

Meeting called to order by the president. Instrumental Music—Brooks Hammond. Subject for discussion—Lessons of the round up of Institute. Sugar Beet Culture—Alfred Fisher. Qualities of the Duroe Jersey Hog for profit—W. C. Mallory. The Farmer as a Business Man—H. B. Angell. Kitchen Economy—Miss Eva Fullerton. Butter Making—Mrs. H. B. Angell. Question Box. Music—Solo—Miss Rhyne.

Religious Notes.

METHODIST.

The pastor will preach morning and evening. Subject for morning, "The Throne and the Footstool;" subject for evening, "Like a Cedar in Lebanon." Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League Tuesday evening 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30. The third quarterly meeting of this year will be held May 9 and 10. Presiding Elder Rev. W. M. Puffer of Lansing will be present.

UNITED BRETHREN.

The United Brethren will hold services next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of E. Brant. Services will be held every two weeks thereafter. Rev. Ida J. Robbins is pastor. All are invited.

EPISCOPAL.

Saturday being S. S. Philip and James Day there will be Holy Communion at 10:45 a. m. Second Sunday after Easter. Sunday school at 8:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The Rev. R. T. Lynd of Ithaca will occupy the pulpit in exchange with the pastor. Everybody cordially invited.

BAPTIST.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

First of the season
Don't miss it.
MAY 2, Tell your friends that the
SUNDAY D. G. R. & W. R. R. (old D. L. & N. R. R.)
EXCURSION will run a special train
TO leaving Alma at 8:40 a. m.
GRAND and arriving at Grand
RAPIDS Rapids at noon. Leave
at 6:30 p. m. Round trip
fare \$1.50. Come and see
the "Bobolinks." 946-2w.

Who can fail to take advantage of this offer. Send 10 cents to us for a generous trial size or ask your druggist. Ask for Ely's Cream Balm, the most positive catarrh cure. Full size 50 cents. ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City. I suffered from catarrh of the worst kind ever since a boy, and I never hoped for cure, but Ely's Cream Balm seems to do even that. Many acquaintances have used it with excellent results.—Oscar Ostrum, 45 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.

HUMAN FOOD FOR VULTURES.

The Unsanitary Methods by Which the Parasites Dispose of Their Corpses.

The Parasites towers of silence are among the most curious of the many burial places of the eastern countries. But little is known of them, and no tourist has succeeded in gaining entrance to one of the towers, no matter what pretext he might devise nor what amount he might offer. The Parasites keep vigilant watch over their dead and resent any attempt on the part of foreigners to pry into that particular part of their peculiar custom and habits. The towers are perched on top of the famous Malabar hill, just out of the city of Bombay. Nobody but a priest is allowed to approach within a certain distance of them, and guards are kept posted at every possible avenue of approach to stop the curious from getting too near. When a corpse is taken to the tower, the mourners are compelled to stop at the line drawn where priests may enter, but others are debarred. The holy men take the body from there to its final resting place. Each body has a separate tower, and the position of the tower is gauged by the sex, age and social position of the corpse before death. They are not protected, and the body is left to the mercy of the wind and rain, and the beaks of the ghoul-like birds that have been seen perched upon the walls, drawn thither probably by the odor of decomposition, finish off the flesh in quick time.

The bones of the body pass under the influence of beds of quicklime and are then consumed, while the fluids are conducted by underground channels to the sea. There have been many gruesome finds reported in the neighborhood of the towers of portions of arms, legs and other parts of the bodies being found by passers which have been dropped by the vultures in their flight. But of all this there is not a word in verification. They might come from the towers or from some other place. The Parasites maintain their strict secrecy in all cases. The burial places are well walled towers of silence.—New York Journal.

MODERN SURGERY.

The Great Debt It Owes to Pasteur and Sir Joseph Lister.

Sir Joseph Lister acknowledges his supreme indebtedness to Pasteur for the discovery that putrefaction was a fermentation due to microbes which could not arise de novo from the decomposable substance. With this as a basis the great surgeon persisted, in the face of much opposition, in perfecting a simple antiseptic dressing, that is, one which would destroy any microbes that would fall on the wound and purify the surgeon's hands and instruments. His success accomplished a veritable revolution in surgery. To select a single instance, the great general hospital at Munich had come to such a state of unhealth that fully 80 per cent of all wounds were infected by the poisonous gangrene.

A surgeon was sent to England to learn the new "Listerism," and after his return not a single case of hospital gangrene appeared in the Munich Krankenhaus. Many allied dangers were totally destroyed by this gospel of cleanliness, and in addition the suffering of patients during necessary operations was vastly relieved owing to the absence of inflammation. The most conservative savants estimate that the field of remedial surgery twentyfold and that the mortality of hazardous operations has been reduced from probably 50 per cent to something like 1 per cent. With antiseptic treatment the skull, even the viscera, can be safely entered for operation, and it is literally true that modern surgery can without danger remove any part of the human organism which is not itself essential to life.—Scribner's.

Oilcloth.

An oilcloth may be cleaned and made to last as long again if treated in the following manner: Cut into pieces half an ounce of beeswax; put in a sauce, cover entirely with turpentine and place in the oven until melted. After washing the oilcloth thoroughly with a flannel, rub the whole surface lightly with a bit of flannel dipped in the melted wax and turpentine, then rub with a dry cloth. A polish is produced, and the surface is lightly coated with the wax. When the floor requires to be cleaned, the wax is washed off, together with the dust or dirt that may have gathered, while the oilcloth is preserved.

Dessert For Children.

A very delicate and healthful dessert for children is made from rennet and sweet milk. The rennet now comes in liquid form and has only to be added to milk that is warm to change it into a delicious curd or custard. This is sweetened and flavored and eaten very cold. A richer custard is made by adding a beaten egg to the milk before adding the rennet. Sometimes, for the sick, this dessert is flavored with a little brandy, or may be colored and flavored by adding a little raspberry or strawberry sirup. It may be used for the nursery tea with a simple cake in place of fruit.—New York Post.

Village Council.

ALMA, MICH., April 27, 1897. Special meeting of the Common council, upon call of the president to act upon the bond of B. S. Webb and any other business that might come before the meeting, on the above date, in the council chamber. Present: President Bagley, Trustees Glass, Tinker, Dean, Wilson, Brewbaker and Polinsky. Upon motion the bond of B. S. Webb was approved. Ayes, 6, nays, none. It was moved and supported that the bond of E. T. Edwards be approved. Ayes, 5, nays, 1. Motion lost and bond rejected. It was moved and supported that \$10 be appropriated to the Firemen's Dependent Fund to defray the expense of sending a delegate to the State Convention to be held in Detroit and \$3.00 for dues to State Association. Motion prevailed. Moved that the clerk be instructed to notify H. A. Delavan, Mr. Sterling and Ed Berry to drain the water from their premises. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Upon motion the council adjourned. E. A. BAGLEY, President. EARL G. TORNEY, Clerk.

To Rent.

Forty acres of land, nine miles north-west of Alma; for one or three years. For particulars address T. L. O'Brien, 519 Milwaukee street, Milwaukee, Wis.

SUNDAY GRAND RAPIDS EXCURSION.

First one this year will run via the D. & G. R. & W. R. R. (old D. L. & N. R. R.) on May 2nd. Aside from the attraction at Reeds Lake (Alger Park) there are others in and around the city that will make the trip a pleasant one. Special train will leave Alma at 8:40 a. m., and arrive at Grand Rapids about noon. Returning, leave at 6:30 p. m. Round trip rate \$1.50. 946-2w.

MORTGAGE SALE:—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage bearing date the first day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, made and executed by David Fratcher and Mary Ann (his wife), of the township of Summer, county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, to Trephena Norton, of the same place, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, on the second day of February, A. D. 1893, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, on the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1893, by said mortgagee having been duly assigned on that day, at the north front door of said county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, on page 143, of the records of the register of deeds for the county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, which assignment was recorded on the twenty-second day of March, A. 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